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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **Statement from Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas On the Appointment of Dr. Debra Duardo As Superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education:**

"I look forward to Dr. Debra Duardo assuming the role of Superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education, and continuing the important work begun by Dr. Arturo Delgado.

"Dr. Duardo is an expert administrator with years of experience in trauma-informed education systems. She will bring her outstanding leadership on dropout prevention strategies, restorative justice and special needs education – and she will put students first.

"Dr. Duardo's appointment comes just two months after Michelle King was named Superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District. It is unprecedented, and remarkable, that the two largest education agencies in Los Angeles are headed by Los Angeles natives and women of color who came through the very same systems that they now govern. I can think of no better role models for our students."

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